Action plan for Panchayati Raj bodies

*40. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is preparing a national action plan for the elected representatives and development functionaries of Panchayati Raj bodies;

(b) if so, the objectives thereof;

(c) whether State Governments have been consulted before the formation of this action plan; and

(d) by when it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Disinvestment of three units of C.I.L.

†102. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that three units of Coal India Ltd. i.e.'Eastern Coal Fields Ltd.', 'Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.' and 'Central Coal Fields Ltd.' are incurring losses continuously for the last three years;

(b) if so, the number of years for which each unit is incurring loss;

(c) to what extent these units have incurred losses, so far;

(d) whether Government have considered any proposal to hand over the management of these units to the private sector by making disinvestment therein; and

(e) if not, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Eastern Coalfields Ltd. (ECL) is incurring losses from inception except for the years 1988-89, 1989-90, 1991-92 and 1995-96. Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. (BCCL) is also incurring losses from inception except for the years 1989-90, 1993-94 and 1995-96. Central Coalfields Ltd. (CCL) incurred losses in the years 1977-78, 1978-79, 1985-86 to 1987-88 & 1994-95 to 2001-02.

(c) The accumulated losses of ECL, BCCL & CCL as on 31.3.2002 are given below:—

(Rs. in crores)

ECL	-4124.14
BCCL	-4820.85
CCL	-1102.76

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise in view of the answer given to part (d) of the question.

Cost of coal production in India

†103. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that production of coal of Coal India Limited, a monopoly Public Sector Undertaking, is more than the cost of production at international level;

(b) if so, the average cost of production of coal at international level;

(c) the average cost of production of Coal India Ltd. in India;

(d) whether efforts have been made during previous years to bring coal production industry at par with international level; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

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